

Town Meeting Coordinating Committee

Meeting of Monday, March 8, 2010

Bangs Community Center, room 101

Attendance: Peggy Roberts, Nonny Burack, Rob Crowner, Mary Streeter, Carol Gray (arrived 5:04);
absent: Harry Brooks, Dorwenda Bynum-Lewis

1. Call to order: Peggy calls the meeting to order at 4:34pm.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2010 are approved with minor amendments by a vote of 4-0.

3. TMCC webpage: The committee makes final edits on a document explaining how to bring a petition article to Town Meeting. Mary agrees to produce a short form listing information resources for the Town Clerk to distribute to people filing petition articles. Nonny will deliver it to the Town Clerk.

The committee lists information that should be conveyed to new Town Meeting members when they are called following the election, including mentoring, the TM listserv and discussion group, and availability of childcare.

5. Info forum, budget/DPW: The committee discusses the structure and content of the proposed DPW-centered budget forum, setting a title of "How Public Works Works: Purse Strings and Potholes". Rob states that he is developing a list of topics to be addressed by panelists in question-and-answer format. He will send the list to the committee for review and feedback. Additional questions may be solicited from the TM listserv. The date of the event may be changed depending on availability of invited guests. Publicity will be sought on the town website, ACTV, and local newspapers.

6. Warrant review: Peggy states that petition articles were due today, but staff articles are still being finalized so there is not yet a full list of articles with which to begin preparations for the warrant review.

7. Second info forum: Carol states that she has decided against organizing a second forum for this Spring, making the April 22 date available for the other forum.

8. Agenda for next meeting: Materials for the first packet mailed to Town Meeting members are due in early April, so TMCC's contributions will have to be finalized soon.

9. Scheduling of additional meetings: The committee agrees to schedule meetings for Monday, March 22 at 4:30pm; Thursday, March 25 at 4:30pm; and Monday, March 29 at noon. One of these meetings may be canceled if it is determined that it will not be necessary.

10. Adjournment: The meeting is adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Crowner

Documents distributed at the meeting:

1. agenda
2. draft minutes of February 22, 2010 meeting
3. draft document entitled "How to bring a petition article to Town Meeting"